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Alexandru Tănase,
President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova

Dear Mr President,

Imi revine deosebita onoare de a va transmite felicitari cu ocazia aniversarii a 25 de ani de la independenta Republicii Moldova!

On behalf of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania as well as personally, I extend sincere congratulations on the occasion of the national holiday of the Independence Day of the Republic of Moldova.

It is a quarter of a century that the State of Moldova has now been on its way of freedom and independence. As your country progressed on this way, it had to confront numerous difficulties and withstand a lot of challenges, which once again testify to a high price we are obliged to pay for our freedom, geopolitical choice and aspiration for democracy. Today, the Constitutional Court of Moldova assumes an extremely important role in strengthening the foundations of democracy and the rule of law. The role of this Court will remain to be particularly significant in the future in securing European and transatlantic integration pursued by Moldova and in protecting the commonness of values shared with Western democratic states.

Lithuania firmly supports the determination of your Nation to live in a European and democratic country. We will never forget that Moldova was the first country to recognise the restored independence of the State of Lithuania.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and welcome the fact that cooperation between the Moldovan and Lithuanian Constitutional Courts has successfully broadened and that today it takes place not only in the bilateral but also multilateral format. We appreciate your important initiative in creating the Association of Constitutional Justice of

the Countries of the Baltic and Black Sea Regions. While exchanging experiences and sharing ideas, we promote common democratic values both in our countries and in our region.

Expressing my deepest congratulations on the occasion of the Independence Day, I wish the Constitutional Court of Moldova to preserve courage and commitment in defending fundamental constitutional values, the rule of law and human rights.

Va dorim succes, unitate si solidaritate in formarea europeana a Republicii Moldova si a viitorului sau democratic!

Folosesc acest prilej, domnule presedinte, pentru a va asigura de inalta consideratie a Curtii Cobstitutionale a Republicii Lituania!

Yours sincerely,

Dainius Žalimas